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October 21, 2013

Mr. Jeff Derouen Executive Director Public Service Commission P.O. Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40602

Re: Case No. 2013-00337

AmeriGas Partners, L.P., AmeriGas Propane, L.P., and Energy Transfer

Partners, L.P. Alleged Failure to Comply with KRS 278.020

Dear Mr. Derouen:

Attached hereto is the Stipulation of Facts and Settlement Agreement entered into by AmeriGas Partners, L.P., AmeriGas Propane, L.P., Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. and Commission Staff. Please bring this document to the Commission's attention for its review and consideration.

Sincerely,

Aaron Ann Cole Staff Attorney

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cc: Parties of Record





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Aaron A. Cole Staff Attorney Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard P.O. Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40601

RE: AmeriGas Partners, L.P., AmeriGas Propane, L.P. and Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. Alleged Failure to Comply with KRS 278.020 Case No. 2013-00337

Dear Aaron:

Enclosed please find the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") in the above-referenced matter. The Agreement has been signed by James Wright, Deputy General Counsel of Energy Transfer, L.P. and Michael Ertle, Associate Counsel for AmeriGas Partners, L.P. and AmeriGas Propane, L.P.

Sincerely,

W. Duncan Crosby III

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AMERIGAS PARTNERS, L.P., AMERIGAS PROPANE, L.P. AND ENERGY TRANSFER PARTNERS, L.P.)
) CASE NO. 2013-00337
ALLEGED FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH)
KRS 278.020)

STIPULATION AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Stipulation and Settlement Agreement ("Stipulation") is made and entered into on this 17th day of Ochber 2013, among Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. ("Energy Transfer");

AmeriGas Partners, L.P. and AmeriGas Propane, L.P. (collectively, "AmeriGas"); and the Staff of the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission Staff").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, KRS 278.020(5) and (6) prohibit the transfer and acquisition of any utility under the jurisdiction of the Commission without prior approval of the Public Service Commission ("Commission");

WHEREAS, the utility assets of Heritage Operating, L.P. d/b/a Bright's Propane Service Inc. constitute a utility that is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission under KRS Chapter 278;

WHEREAS, Energy Transfer sold and transferred the utility assets of Heritage

Operating, L.P. d/b/a Bright's Propane Service Inc. to AmeriGas in a transaction that closed in

January of 2012;

WHEREAS, approval of the Commission for the transfer and acquisition was not sought prior to the closing of the transaction;

WHEREAS, the Commission notified AmeriGas by letter dated May 7, 2013, that KRS 278.020(5) and (6) require prior Commission approval of the transfer and acquisition of a utility and requested that an application for approval of the transfer be filed;

WHEREAS, AmeriGas filed an application for approval of the transfer on June 21, 2013, noting that its failure to obtain prior approval had been inadvertent;

WHEREAS, the Commission issued its Order establishing this proceeding to investigate whether it should assess a civil penalty pursuant to KRS 278.990 for the apparent violations of KRS 278.020(5) and (6); and

WHEREAS, Energy Transfer, AmeriGas and Commission Staff desire to settle the issues raised in this proceeding and have therefore entered into this Stipulation,

NOW, THEREFORE, Energy Transfer, AmeriGas and Commission Staff agree that:

- 1. The transfer of the utility assets of Heritage Operating, L.P. d/b/a Bright's Propane Service Inc. by Energy Transfer to AmeriGas required the prior approval of the Commission under KRS 278.020(5) and (6).
- 2. Within 10 days after the entry of an Order approving this Stipulation, Energy Transfer and AmeriGas shall collectively pay to the Commonwealth of Kentucky the sum of \$7,500 in satisfaction and resolution of all issues that involve Energy Transfer and AmeriGas, their respective affiliates, employees, and agents and that arise out of

AmeriGas's acquisition of Heritage Operating, L.P. d/b/a Bright's Propane Service, Inc. from Energy Transfer. This payment shall be in the form of a cashier's or certified check made payable to "Treasurer,

Commonwealth of Kentucky" and shall be mailed or delivered to: Office of General Counsel, Public Service Commission of Kentucky, 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40602.

- 3. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as an admission of a willful violation of any statute or administrative regulation, nor shall the Commission's acceptance of this Stipulation be construed as a finding of a willful violation of any statute or administrative regulation.
 - 4. This Stipulation is subject to the acceptance of and approval by the Commission.
- 4. If the Commission fails to accept and approve this Stipulation in its entirety, this proceeding shall go forward and neither the terms of this Stipulation nor any matters raised during settlement negotiations shall be binding on either signatory or be construed against either eEnergy Transfer, AmeriGas or Commission Staff.
- 5. Commission Staff shall recommend to the Commission that the Stipulation be accepted and approved.
- 6. If the Commission accepts and adopts this Stipulation in its entirety and enters an Order in this proceeding to that effect, neither Energy Transfer nor AmeriGas shall apply for rehearing in this matter or bring any action for judicial review of that Order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Energy Transfer, AmeriGas, and Commission Staff have executed this Stipulation the day and year first above written by and through their duly authorized attorneys.

STAFF OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY
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BY:
TITLE: DEPUTY GENERAL COUNTER